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SUBJECT:GOI INQUIRY RE MAURITIUS

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1) INFO REFTEL IS APPARENT EXAGGERATION OF BBC STORY CARRIED MAY 6 FOLLOWING INTERVIEW WITH TWO LEADERS OF MAURITIAN OPPOSITION. DURING INTERVIEWS OPPOSITION ACCUSED MAURITIAN GOVERNMENT OF SIGNING SECRET PACT WITH SOVIETS TO EXCLUDE U.S., BRITISH AND FRENCH SHIPS FROM PORT FACILITIES "IN CASE OF FLARE UP". STORY WAS ALSO CARRIED IN LOCAL OPPOSITION NEWSPAPERS.

2) MAURITIAN GOVERNMENT DENIED REPORT IN PRO-GOVERNMENT WEEKLY AND DURING PRIVATE CONVERSATION BETWEEN RAMGOOLAM AND AMERICAN AMBASSADOR. EMBASSY PORT LOUIS ALSO REPORTED THAT BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION HAD NO INFORMATION THAT WOULD SUPPORT OPPOSITION CLAIM.

3) ALTHOUGH MAURITIAN GOVERNMENT VERY SUSCEPTIBLE TO
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INDIAN PRESSURE, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT"SECRET PACT" STORY

HAS ANY SUBSTANCE. KISSINGER

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